The endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication by the FAO Committee on Fisheries in 2014 was a global recognition of the importance of the sector. Importantly, these SSF Guidelines bring together responsible fisheries and social development, providing a policy framework towards small-scale fisheries sustainability through a holistic and integrated approach, in line with the 2030 Agenda, which rests on the interconnected and indivisible nature of its 17 SDGs.

However, this transformation needs substantial support, including better understanding the contributions of small-scale fisheries to sustainable development to make the case for greater political support; learning from SSF Guidelines implementation experiences at different levels, including on issues such as social protection and partnership mechanisms.

This side event will therefore present ongoing work to improve our knowledge of the sector’s contributions, in particular to food security and poverty eradication, and on the implementation of the SSF Guidelines at various levels, which will also support paving the way towards the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture in 2022.
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Director General of Fisheries Administration (FiA), Cambodia |
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Senior Adviser  
The Knowledge Bank, NORAD |
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Associate Professor of Sustainability Science, Duke University |
| 13:10  | Contribution of sustainable small-scale fisheries to food security and nutrition in Mexico | Lic. Mario Gilberto Aguilar Sánchez  
Comisionado Nacional de Acuacultura y Pesca, Mexico |
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Regional Director, Central America Fisheries and Aquaculture Organization (OSPESCA) |
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Président, Confédération Africaine des Organisations professionnelles de la Pêche Artisanale (CAOPA) |
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Vice President, Global Development Rare |
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